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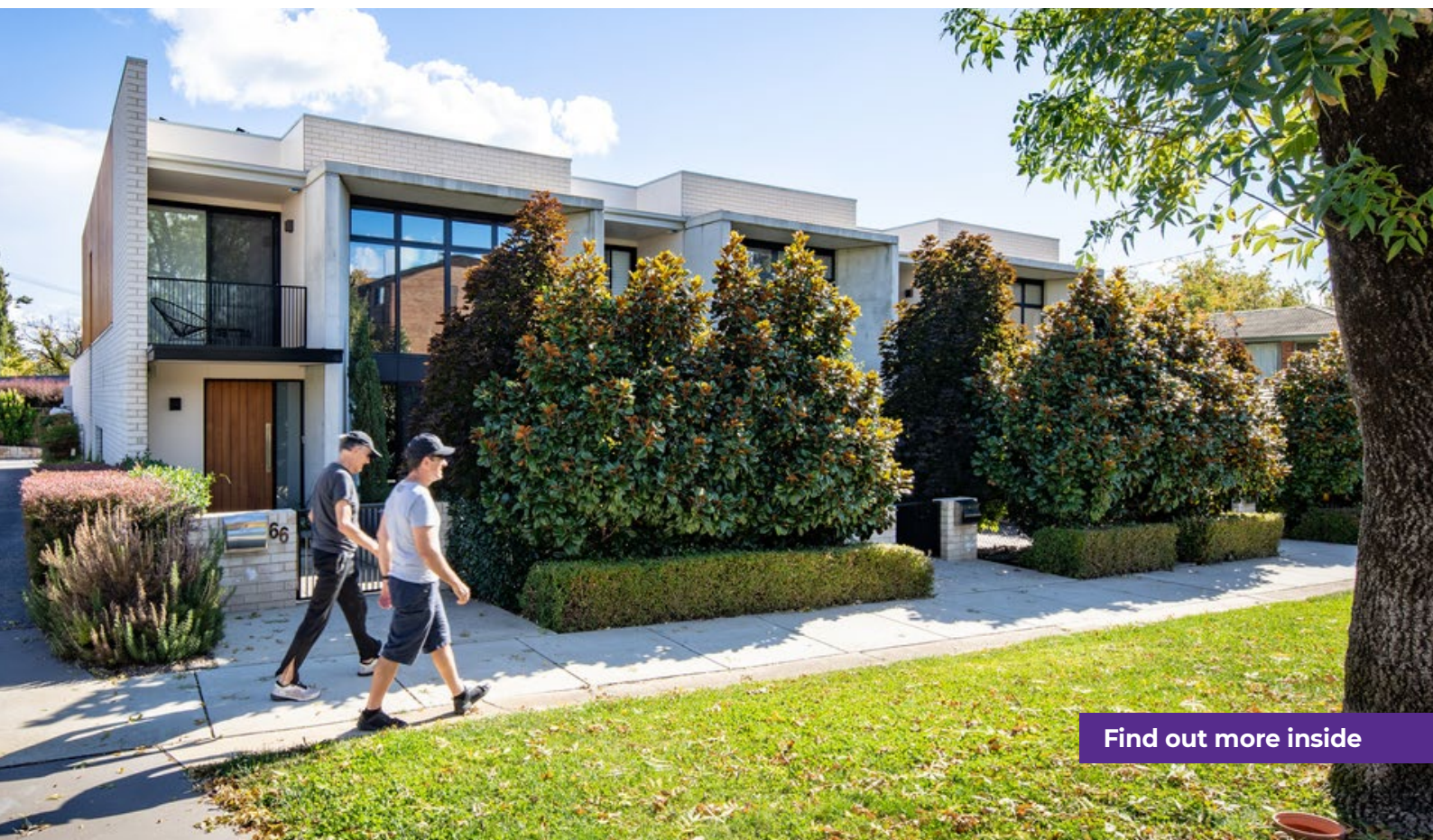
Belconnen

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More housing options for Canberra



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Message from the Chief Minister

The ACT Government has released updated district strategies, the new Territory Plan and new design guides, that will support more housing while retaining planning and design elements that have made Canberra one of the most liveable cities in the world.

The Government's objective is simple – more housing for Canberrans, where they want

to live. This includes proposed zoning changes to encourage a gentle increase in housing choices in existing suburbs.

Like all State and Territory governments around Australia, the ACT is using a combination of planning reforms, new suburban land release and tax reforms to increase housing supply and improve affordability.

Andrew Barr



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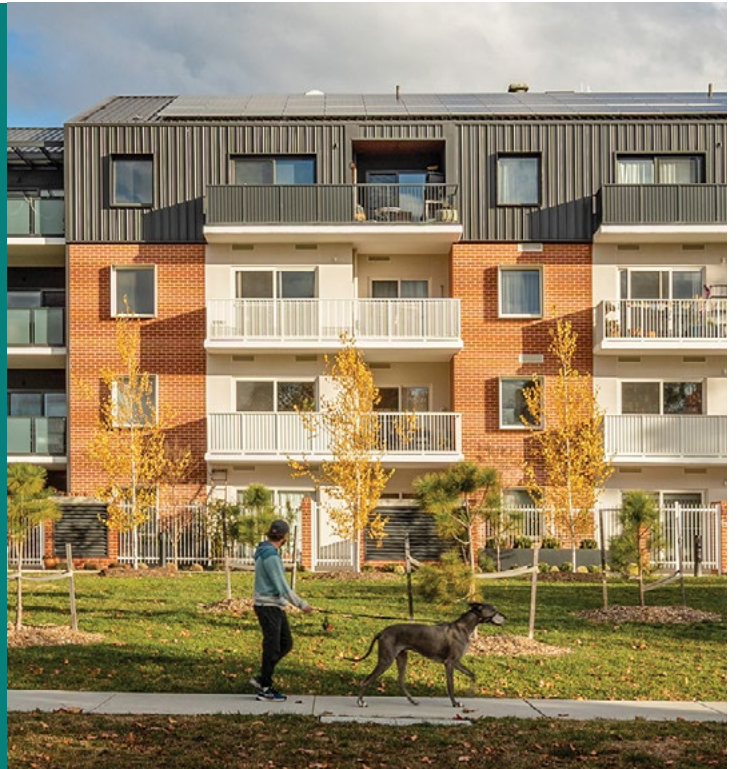


More support for Canberra renters

The ACT Government is offering extra support measures for those who need it most. This includes the extension of the Rent Relief Fund, which provides targeted, short-term emergency support for private renters in low-income households in the ACT.

The fund offers grants for up to four weeks' rent capped at \$2,500 to help tenants and occupants maintain safe, secure and stable accommodation.

The ACT Government is also investing in a range of measures to increase the supply of affordable rentals in Canberra, with an aim to deliver 600 additional rental dwellings by 2025–26.



Free mammograms offer peace of mind

BreastScreen ACT offer free screening mammograms to eligible Canberrans over the age of 40. The service also actively encourages those aged 50–74 to have a mammogram every two years.

With new mammography machines recently installed at all breast screening clinics – Phillip, Belconnen and Civic – it's now faster and more comfortable than ever before. Call 13 20 50 to make an appointment.

Prepare to vote in The Voice Referendum



With The Voice Referendum scheduled for Saturday, 14 October, it's time to identify your local polling place and prepare to vote 'yes' or 'no' on a single question:

A Proposed Law: to alter the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice.

Do you approve this proposed alteration?

Find more at aec.gov.au



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Mowing and road resurfacing programs underway

With the warmer weather returning, you will now see mowers out and about each day.

A fleet of 82 mowers – including four electric vehicles – will help maintain the Territory and ensure it looks its best. The rapid response team of 10 extra staff and eight additional mowers will continue to focus on higher-priority areas such as those presenting safety issues. Head online to see when your suburb will be mown.

The annual road resurfacing program is also underway to maintain the road network. Road resurfacing helps to waterproof the road, improve skid resistance and fill in cracks in the pavement.



Little idea to make a big difference to Page

Have you got a little idea that could make a big difference in Page? Submissions are now open for ideas that could bring people together, improve wellbeing and have a positive impact in the suburb.

Ideas with the greatest potential will go to public vote after being shortlisted by a community panel. Up to \$40,000 is available to bring the winning idea to life.

This initiative forms part of a new ACT Government trial to involve the community in decisions about how government money is spent.

For more information, and to join the Page community panel to help decide which ideas go to public vote, visit yoursay.act.gov.au

New playground for Kaleen

The final indicative design for Kaleen's Wakool Circuit playground has been released.

The upgrades will provide residents with an exciting neighbourhood playground, with new features including shelter and seating, new play equipment, nature play elements and landscaping to inspire imaginative play.



Acknowledgement of Country



We acknowledge the Ngunnawal people as traditional custodians of the ACT and recognise any other people or families with connection to the lands of the ACT and region. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region.



Accessibility
Ph 13 22 81



Interpreter
Ph 13 14 50



It's time to get **emergency ready**

With the high-risk weather season approaching, Canberrans are encouraged to prepare their homes and discuss their emergency plan with their families.

Storms and bushfires can develop quickly and without warning.

Take these simple actions to reduce the impact a natural hazard may have on your home and community:

- clear your gutters
- maintain your yard by clearing any debris
- secure or put away loose items that are outside
- trim overhanging branches
- repair previous property damage.

Download or update your emergency Survival Plan and find more information at esa.act.gov.au

Update your details with Access Canberra

Did you know that anyone with an ACT driver licence or an ACT-registered vehicle must advise Access Canberra of an address change within 14 days of moving. You can update your address online or by calling 13 22 81.

You can also sign up for SMS reminders, so when your licence or registration is up for renewal, Access Canberra will text you directly.

Scan the QR code to ensure your details are current.



What's on in October

Oct **Mental Health Month**
Various events
and locations

7 Oct **Stonefest 2023**
University of Canberra

13-14 Oct **Sustainable
Canberra Expo**
Thoroughbred Park

15 Oct **Dogs' Day Out
at Floriade**
Commonwealth Park

20 Oct **Ginninderra Cricket
Club Race Day**
Thoroughbred Park

21 Oct **Domestic Animal
Services Open Day**
DAS Symonston

21-22 Oct **Windows to the World**
Multiple locations

26 Oct **City Renewal Authority
plant giveaway**
Garema Place

28-29 Oct **Handmade Market
Canberra - Spring**
Exhibition Park

 For more events and details,
visit events.canberra.com.au

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CONVERSATIONS

What kind of live performances do you want to see more of in Canberra?

The Canberra Theatre Centre is set to be transformed. Design is underway to create a performing arts centre of national importance and global significance.

Have your say on what you want from your live performance experience. Scan the QR code to share your thoughts.